

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the final Newsletter of this academic year. As we approach the end of another term, it's clear that the children are ready for a much-deserved break after a lengthy and warm half-term. These last few weeks have been particularly busy, filled with a fantastic production, our leavers' celebrations, the EYFS graduation, and plenty of Class Star celebration treats! We hope the children have really enjoyed these. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the lovely wishes, gifts, and cards you have given us. Your generosity is genuinely appreciated.

We would like to remind you that the term dates for the next academic year have already been circulated. We aim to circulate diary dates in early September and will include as many memorable events in the diary as possible, so that you can attend and celebrate these special moments with your children.

As we head into the long summer break, we kindly encourage you to maintain some reading habits and engage in a bit of the maths key facts work sent over the past year. This will help your children retain the progress they've made and prepare them for the next academic year. Annual reports include ideas for further support should you wish to explore more.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us. Wishing you all a thoroughly enjoyable summer break!

Kind regards

Bridgette Gough

Celebrating Super Year 6 SATs Results

As we conclude another academic year, it is with immense pride that we celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Year 6 pupils in the recent SATs assessments. This year's results speak volumes about the dedication and hard work that our pupils and staff have contributed throughout the learning journey of the Seal Class, creating a shared joy that has resonated throughout our entire school community.

Our Year 6 pupils achieved impressive scores that have surpassed not only our school's previous year but also the national averages for the 2024/25 academic year. In Reading, our pupils recorded an exceptional 91%, compared to the national average of 75%. In Writing, we are equally proud of our 88%, well above the national average of 72%. Mathematics results also showcase our pupils' impressive capabilities, with a score of 85%, significantly exceeding the national average of 74%. Additionally, our Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling (GPS) results stand at 85%, compared to the national figure of 73%. Finally, the overall combined score of 82% surpasses the national average by a impressive 20% margin of as the national average was 62%.

These results illustrate the commitment to instilling a love of life and learning in our pupils to carry with them. We sincerely congratulate our Year 6 pupils on their outstanding performance. This achievement is a true testament to their resilience and determination, and we look forward to St. Andrew's being a springboard to great things for them.

Love Life and Learning

Collective Worship

Last week, our collective worship centred on the theme of "Work Hard and Concentrate – Focus to Achieve." We were fortunate to have a visit from the Summer Reading Challenge lead, who inspired the children to embrace the challenge of completing their reading goals. Through the Bible story of Joshua and Caleb, we explored the importance of maintaining focus. We also enjoyed an engaging session led by a church visitor.

This week's theme has been "Respect Yourself and Others – Self Love and Self Belief." This timely theme resonated particularly well with our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their next adventure. We discussed the significance of being true to oneself and resisting the temptation to stray from one's own path. On Tuesday we shared a brief clip featuring Bear Grylls which served as motivation during our discussions. On Friday, our Leavers confidently took control and shared cherished memories from their learning journeys, bringing both tears and laughter, as the entire school community applauded them with a heartfelt send-off.

Cost Rise for School Dinners

We are writing to inform you that from September, due to the escalating costs of food and staffing, we are faced with the difficult decision to pass on some of these costs to parents. This adjustment is necessary to maintain the quality of the meals provided to our students. We understand that this may not be welcome news, but it is essential for us to continue offering nutritious and balanced meals. We appreciate your understanding and support during this challenging period. The new price from September is £2.50 per day.

Wrap Around Care Update

We are committed to supporting working families by providing wrap around care provision internally for our pupils. Over the past few years, we have noticed a lack of demand for Friday sessions, resulting in the difficult decision to close on this day.

However, we are pleased to announce that we will continue to offer wrap around care for all other sessions. To ensure we can maintain our current, very competitive pricing structure, we have revised our finish time to **5:30pm**, effective from September. While some evenings may be quieter than others, we believe it is essential to offer this service to families who require it.

We encourage parents considering childcare arrangements to explore our wrap around care option. Your support is vital in helping us sustain this provision for our community, as we genuinely wish to continue serving families for many years to come.

Headteacher's Cup

Tiger Cub Class:	W1-Gracie
	W2- Whole Class
Reindeer Class:	W1-Lybbie
	W2- Whole Class
Fennec Fox Class:	W1-Logan
	W2- Whole Class
Panda Class:	W1-Violet
	W2- Whole Class
Snow Leopard Class:	W1-Whole Class
	W2-Whole Class
Turtle Class:	W1-Max
	W2- Whole Class
Seal Class:	W2-Whole Class
	W2- Whole Class



Birthdays in July and August

Aimee	Max
Orla	Poppy
Lewin	Harrison
Tudor	Kit
Daisy	Connor
Jacob	Margot
Roman	Matthew
Sofia	Harlie
Summer	Dougie
Erin	Lennox
Jason	Ruby
Emily	Theo
Abigail	Addison
Georgie	Ezra
Frankie	Ezrah
Malachy	Niya



Going For Green

Bella & Monty

Sports Cup

Luna & Mya

Moving On

Earlier this week, we received the bittersweet news that two of our valued SEN support staff are moving on to pastures new. Both are embarking on new roles within specialist provisions, dedicated to supporting children in this important sector.

Mrs Rachel Hunter has been a member of the St. Andrew's team for the past eight years. Initially joining us due to her clinical background to support a child with medical needs, she has since made significant contributions in various capacities. Mrs Hunter has supported Thrive work and worked with individuals with SEN from Year 1 to 6, as well as assisting Mrs Glegg in her role as SENCo. We extend our heartfelt wishes to her in her new position and express our gratitude for her calm and caring commitment to all she has worked with.

Layla McIlveen joined St. Andrew's two years ago, supporting our current Year 2 class. We also wish her the very best as she embarks on her new journey. Thank you both for your invaluable contributions!

Library Challenge Reminder

Just a little reminder that the challenge will run from **Saturday 19th July** until Saturday 2nd September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

Children will be asked to read 6 books throughout the summer holidays. As they read their library books, they will collect special stickers to fill up their folder, and other rewards along the way. After reading 6 books they will earn their certificate and medal!

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays to help children continue their reading goals over the summer, give them access to books, and encourage reading for pleasure. It is open to all children, free of charge.

A Fantastic Year 5 and 6 Production of *Alice in Wonderland*

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils for a truly fantastic end-of-year production of *Alice in Wonderland*! The performance was filled with so many highlights, showcasing the dedication and talent of our pupils. We were treated to great solos and rousing choral efforts, all underpinned by an impressive number of lines learned. A special mention must go to those children who stepped in at the last minute to support their peers. We are incredibly grateful for their fantastic performances, which made the end of term truly special for everyone involved. Bravo!

Thanks also go to the staff team who got the show on the road for us.

